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SUBJECT: FRENCH PARLIAMENTARIAN QUERIES MEMBERS OF
CONGRESS RE US OFFSHORE OIL PROCUREMENT PRACTICES

1. M. ROBERT-ANDRE VIVIEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE FRENCH
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S ECONOMIC AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECENTLY SENT AMBASSADOR HARTMAN A NOTE ENCLOSING A COPY
OF A LETTER - IN FRENCH - WHICH VIVIEN HAD SENT TO NINE
PROMINENT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS (R.C. BYRD, BAKER, O'NEIL,
RHODES, R.B. LONG, JACKSON, REUSS, ASHLEY AND UDALL).

2. VIVIEN'S LETTER APPEARS TO DEAL WITH A PORTION OF THE
ENERGY LEGISLATION CURRENTLY BEFORE THE CONGRESS. HE
DESCRIBES BILL OF INTEREST TO HIM SIMPLY AS "DRAFT
LAW 1614." ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE COPIES OF PENDING
ENERGY LEGISLATION AND ARE UNABLE TO MAKE A MORE
PRECISE IDENTIFICATION, THE SUBSTANCE OF VIVIEN'S
COMMENTS DEALT WITH POTENTIAL REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE
PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF PETROLEUM FIRMS ENGAGING IN
OIL EXPLORATION OFF US COASTS. HE EXPRESSED HIS CON-
CERN OVER PROVISIONS OF THE BILL WHICH HE FELT WERE
TRADE-RESTRICTIVE IN THAT THEY WOULD DISCRIMINATE
AGAINST NON-US FIRMS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE
ACTIVITIES.

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3. THE AMBASSADOR HAS SENT A BRIEF LETTER OF REPLY
(A) ACKNOWLEDGING THAT RESTRICTIVE PROCUREMENT PRAC-
TICES WORLDWIDE CONSTITUTE ONE OF A COMPLEX SET OF
PROBLEMS CURRENTLY BEING DEALT WITH IN MULTILATERAL
FORA (OECD, GATT); (B) REMINDING VIVIEN THAT HE (THE
AMBASSADOR) WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT UPON

DRAFT LEGISLATION PRESENTLY BEFORE THE CONGRESS; AND
(C) ASSURING VIVIEN THAT WE WOULD ALSO NOTIFY THE
DEPARTMENT OF HIS VIEWS IN THIS REGARD.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY COMMENTS WHICH
THE DEPARTMENT COULD GIVE US TO PASS ON TO VIVIEN
REGARDING THOSE PORTIONS OF S. (OR H.R.) 1614 WHICH
AFFECT THE AREA OF HIS CONCERN NOTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.
HARTMAN

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